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Title: Techniques for reconfiguring configurable systems

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Response to a non-final Office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Summary of the prosecution

The application was filed with claims 1-26. Of these claims, claims 1, 19, and 26 are independent claims. Examiner mailed a first Office action in this application on 3/30/2006. In the Office action, claims 12,4,7-9, 11 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over the combination of Applicants' admitted prior art (henceforth AAPA) and U.S. Patent 7,000,229, Gere, *Method and system for live operating environment upgrades*, filed Jul. 24, 3002 (henceforth "Gere"); claims 2,3,5,6,10, 12-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C., 103(a) as obvious over the combination of AAPA, Gere, and U.S. Patent 6,792,556, Dennis, *Boot Record Recovery*, filed May 31, 2000 (henceforth Dennis). Applicants are traversing the rejections.

On June 27, Applicants' attorney requested an interview in the above application, which Examiner graciously granted on Thursday, June 29 at 1:00 PM. A draft of this response was faxed to Examiner in advance of the interview and formed the basis of the discussion at the interview. No agreement was reached at the interview, but Examiner requested that a response incorporating the draft be filed.